(b) the number of old telephone exchanges where such plants have been set up so far and the names of telephone exchanges where such plants are proposed to be set up in the country;

(c) the number of telephone exchanges set up in the country during the period from 1972 to 1975 in the country, which have not yet been modernised so far; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in modernising the telephone exchange in Mongyr?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d). Necessary information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

Development of Kapirvastu (U.P.) as Tourist Place

1989. SHR RAMPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop Kapirvastu, an important place, of Buddha religion in Uttar Pradesh, into a tourist place;

(b) whether some assistance has been received for the development of the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. For the development of tourism infrastucture in the States of U.P. and Bihar, a project is under implementation with the assistance from the Govt. of Japan. apart from the various components of the project, it includes the improvement and strengthening of roads connecting piperahawa (Kapilvastu) with other Budhist Centres in that area and improvement of telecommunication facilities. The Central Department of Tourism, in addition, has sanctioned a wayside amenity at Kapilvastu (Piprahawa) for an amount of Rs. 13.01 lakhs.

[*English*]

Availability of Minerals in Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh

1990. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted about availability of minerals and Metals in the District of Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these are commercially viable; and

(d) if no survey has been undertaken, the time by which Government propose to undertake such a survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI) has brought to light occurrences of clay in the areas near Varisam, Nelivada and Koshta; building stones like granite, gneisses and Charnockites etc. in Maddiravudupeta, Kadakalla, Gotta, Tunga Tempora. Ponduru areas and Kankar limestone near Katabommali, Jiyannapet, Vijayaramapuram and Duttigam. Minor occurrences of Sillimanite and manganess are also reported from the district. The beach sand from Meghavaram are reported to contain considerable amount of heavy minerals like ilmenite and monazite.

(c) Clay occurrence near Nelivada are estimated to contain an inferred reserve of 4 5 million tonne. Other mineral occurrences excepting building stone are not if much economic significance

(d) No mineral survey is contemplate in the district dunng field season 1991–92

Proposal to Restructure Airlines

1991 SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Committee to restructure the air lines, and

(b) if so, the details of the changes proposed to be made?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) A High Powered Committee, under the Chairmanship of Secretary Civil Aviation has already been set up to work out detailed modalities and oversee the implementation of the decision on restructuring of Air Corporations

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Doordarshan Centres in Sawai Madhopur and Bharatpur District of Rajasthan

1992 SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA) Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Government to set up Doordarshan centres in Sawai Madhopur and Bharatpur districts of Rajasthan

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in its execution;

(c) by when these centres are likely to start functioning, and

(d) the amount sanctioned for the constitution and operation of these Centres?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) Whereas there is no scheme to set up an additional TV transmitter in Bharatpur district, a low power TV transmitter is envisaged to be set up at Gangapur in Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan

(b) and (c) As per present indications, the low power TV transmitter under implementation at Gangapur is expected to be commissioned by the end of 1992

(d) The estimated capital expenditure and Revenue non–recurring expenditure of the project relating to establishment of a low power TV transmitter at Gangapur is Rs 101 34 lakhs and Rs 12 85 lakhs respectively

[*English*]

Staff of Indian Airlines at Chittagong and Kabul

1993 SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Chittagong (Bangladesh) had remained off the Indian Airlines map for over one year but the entire Indian Airlines staff remained stationed there enjoying allowance,

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor,